

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**Telecommunications Division  
Carrier Branch**

**RESOLUTION T-16745  
April 22, 2003**

**R E S O L U T I O N**

RESOLUTION T-16745, SBC CALIFORNIA (U-1001-C), REQUESTS  
AUTHORITY TO GRANDFATHER POLLSTAR SERVICE.

BY ADVICE LETTER NO. 23589, AS SUPPLEMENTED BY 23589A, AND  
23589B, FILED ON MARCH 5, MARCH 14, AND APRIL 10, 2003  
RESPECTIVELY.

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**Summary**

This Executive Director Action Resolution authorizes SBC California (SBC) to grandfather Poll Star Service. Poll Star equipment manufacturing has been discontinued and replacement parts are no longer available. SBC estimates it will be withdrawing Poll Star Service within 6 months from the date of grandfathering. SBC will submit a separate filing to request the withdrawal of this service.

**Background**

By Advice Letter (AL) No. 23589, 23589A, and 23589B, filed on March 5, March 14, April 10, 2003 respectively, SBC requests authority to revise Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. B1, B2, B10 and 175-T.

In AL 23589, SBC had requested authority to grandfather and subsequently withdraw Poll Star service.

AL 23589A was filed to add tariff sheets to the filing that had been omitted.

AL 23589B was filed to remove the request to withdraw the service.

Poll Star is a service that transports alarm signals for single party exchange telephone service subscribers and allows both the transmission of alarm signals and use of the telephone over the existing subscriber loop via derived local channel technology. Poll Star service provides, on a 24-hour basis, for the transmission of signals that identify a

change in the status of alarm sensors located on a customer's premise, to the customer's alarm agency.

Poll star was introduced in 1985. The cards used in the CA Poll Star system were discontinued in the early 1990s. The main computer is a discontinued Digital Equipment Corporation PDP.

### **Notice/Protests**

Notice of AL No. 23589, was published in the Commission Daily Calendar of March 14, April 00, April 18, 2003. AL No. 23589A has not been published at the time of this writing. SBC states that copies of AL No. 23589 have been mailed to interested utilities and/or parties. No protest to this AL has been received.

### **Discussion**

Telecommunications Division (TD) has reviewed SBC's AL No. 23589, 23589A, and 23589B. TD concludes that SBC's request for authority to grandfather Poll Star Service is reasonable. And therefore, should be approved under Resolution No. T-9598 which authorizes the Executive Director to grant authority to freeze or limit communications utility services.

SBC was directed by TD to remove the request to withdraw service from AL 23589 which is reflected in AL 23589B. Resolution No. T-9597, dated March 22, 1977, authorizes the Executive Director to grant requests for the withdrawal of service for which there are no customers and where there are no requests for the service. There are currently approximately 1,100 customers with Poll Star Service and therefore the Executive Director cannot at this time grant a request to withdraw this service.

SBC will therefore submit a separate AL filing to withdraw service. SBC estimates that it will remove all customers within six months at which time it will submit a request to withdraw Poll Star Service.

Commission approval is based on the specifics of the Advice Letter and does not establish a precedent for the contents of future filings or for Commission approval of similar requests.

### **Findings**

1. SBC requests authority to revise Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. B1, B2, B10 and 175-T to grandfather Poll Star Service.

2. After reviewing AL No. 23589, 23589A, and 23589B, TD recommends that the Commission approve this filing.
3. Pursuant to the authority granted the Executive Director in Resolution No. T-9598, SBC's request for authority to revise Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. B1, B2, B10 and 175-T is reasonable and should be granted.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:**

1. SBC California is granted authority to revise Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. B1, B2, B10 and 175-T to grandfather Poll Star Service.
2. AL No. 23589B of SBC California and accompanying tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were authorized by California Public Utilities Commission Resolution No. T- 16745 and its effective date.
3. This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by Executive Action Resolution on April 22, 2003.

/s/ WILLIAM AHERN

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WILLIAM AHERN  
Executive Director